

# Intervention

To plan for effective delinquency prevention and early intervention, the family, school and community as a whole must be involved in addressing the problems.



DJJ's key principles for preventing and reducing juvenile delinquency are:

- Strengthening families
- Supporting core social institutions
- Promoting prevention strategies and programs
- Intervening immediately and effectively when delinquent behavior occurs
- Assisting with access to treatment in order to address the individual youth's needs

(Refer to <http://www.djj.ky.gov/>)

# Advisory Board

## *Juvenile Justice Advisory Board (JJAB)*

JJAB was created in 1997 and is Kentucky's advisory group on juvenile justice issues such as reforming Kentucky's juvenile justice system and creating an effective, equitable system to prevent juvenile crime and delinquency.



## **VISION**

JJAB aspires to make a difference in the lives of Kentucky youth and their families by being the voice for young people without a voice, by building bridges to communication and collaboration at all levels of the juvenile justice system, and by promoting opportunities for all youth to achieve success.

## **MISSION**

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Board is committed to enhancing the quality of life for all youth in the Commonwealth by actively advising the Governor, policymakers and the public on matters related to improving system of care, enhancing interagency community collaboration, and promoting effective programming necessary to serve the whole child.



# Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice

## The Purpose of DJJ Intervention



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# DJJ Mission Statement

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The Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice's mission is to improve public safety by providing balanced and comprehensive services that hold youth accountable, and to provide the opportunity for youth to develop into productive, responsible citizens.



## WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

Our staff receives training related to the special needs of juveniles. Facility programming is designed to model positive behaviors and essential life-skills.

# Treatment Options

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Youth probated or committed to the Department are offered a variety of treatment resources and referrals according to their individual needs.



Possible options include:

- Educational/Vocational programming
- Employment and life-skills training
- Individual, group, and family counseling
- Mental Health Services
- Substance Abuse counseling
- Sex Offender treatment

# DJJ Supervision

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Youth who are probated or committed to DJJ and placed in the community shall be visited and supervised by DJJ Staff. This may include:

- Home visits
- School contacts
- Treatment Provider Contacts
- Office visits
- Random drug screening
- Curfew checks

When intensive treatment is necessary, youth may be committed to the Department. Committed youth are not always removed from the home.

Per state law, commitment will generally end at the age of eighteen (18) but can continue until the age of twenty-one (21) in certain circumstances.

This may occur to assist youth in establishing independent living arrangements or to provide juvenile sexual offender treatment afforded by law.